

Amend claims 15, 19-25 and add new claim 26 as follows.

Claim 15 (canceled).

Claim 19 (canceled).

Claim 20 (currently amended) A plant nutrient comprising metal oxide, lime, clay and a sugar solution ~~compressed~~ produced by the process of mixing the components, compacting the mixture at 170°F and approximately 100 tons pressure forming a sucrate and milled ~~milling~~ to form particles having a desired particle range, ~~each particle being coated with a wax.~~

Claim 21 (original) The plant nutrient of claim 20, wherein the metal oxide is selected from the group consisting of iron, zinc, manganese, magnesium, calcium and mixtures thereof.

Claim 22 (original) The plant nutrient of claim 20, wherein the sugar solution is present at a minimum of 5% by weight.

Claim 23 (original). The plant nutrient of claim 20, wherein the sugar solution is a byproduct of fermentation of beet sugar.

Claim 24 (original) The plant nutrient of claim 20, wherein the sugar solution is 17-20% sugar.

Claim 25 (original) The plant nutrient of claim 20, wherein the sugar solution has a minimum dry matter content of 65%.

Claim 26 (new) The plant nutrient of claim 20, wherein each of the milled particles are spray coated with wax.